(c) No, Sir.

(d) The Archaeological Survey of India has been carrying out problem oriented exploration in Wainganga Vally during the seasons 1989-90, 1991-92 and 1992-93.

Poor maintenance of Taj Mahal and Fatehpur Sikri

4512. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he expressed concern over the poor maintenance of Taj Mahal and Fatehpur Sikri;

(b) if so, what is the present stage of the monuments; and

(c) what action plan has been finalised to save the monuments from deterioration?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No sir. However, when Ministry for Tourism and Civil Aviation visited Taj Mahal, he expressed the need for improvements in and around the monuments.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) An Action Committee has been informally set up to expedite necessary structural and Fatehpur Sikri.

Opening of Taj Mahal at night

@4513. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under their consideration to lift ban on the opening of Taj Mahal during the night for visitors;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals; and

(c) by when a decision in this regard will be taken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) The proposal of opening of Taj for visitors during the night is under consideration. A decision would be taken after all the ramifications have been examined.

Fellowship rules of NMML

4514. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the rules, age and educational qualifications for the award of Research General Fellowships, Chalapathi Rau Fellowship, Shrikant Fellowship of Nehru Memorial Museum and Library of Teen Murti House, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that the fellowship rules prohibits fellows from taking another fellowship or assignment, paid or otherwise, during fellows tenure at Nehru Memorial Museum and Library;

(c) whether some fellows have been permitted to take up other fellowships or assignments by keeping their fellowship in abeyance in violation of the aforesaid rule; and

(d) if so, under what rule and what are the names of such fellows and their period for which their fellowships were kept in abeyance?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) (i) The Fellowships of the Nehru Museum are awarded to scholars who normally posses Ph.D. degree, and or, have substantial research experience to their credit. These are normally awarded to scholars below the age

@Previously Unstarred Question 3118, transferred from 19th August, 1993.

of 60 years. However, scholars above 60 years of age may also be considered depending upon their specialised research experience and qualifications.

(ii) M. Chalapathi Rau Endowment Fellowship is awarded to scholars or journalists of eminence to conduct research on a theme of "Contemporary relevance to the Indian nation, exploring the ideas and values cherished by late M. Chalapathi Rau in whose memory the fellowship has been created." Same age rule as given under (i) above applies to this Fellowship.

(iii) Dr. Srikant Dutt Fellowship is awarded to young scholars who possess a Ph.D. degree and fall in the age group of 24 to 30 to pursue research on aspects of India's northern borders.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) In the following five cases follows were granted leave without pay for their visits overseas for collection of Research material relevant to their projects with the approval of Chairman/Vice Chairman, Executive Council and in accordance with the conditions attached to the fellowships that the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library will have no objection to Fellow's going abroad in furtherance of Fellow's project for a reasonable period so long as it does not involve any financial burden on the Nehru Museum:

1. Dr. Rani Dhawan Shankardas, Fellow from 15th August, 1991 to 27th November, 1991;

2. Dr. Basudev Chatterjee, Fellow from 26th October, 1983 to 31st December, 1984;

3. Dr. K. S. Subramanian, Senior Fellow from 1st February, 1989 to 31st January, 1990;

4. Professor Aijaz Ahmed, Senior Fellow from 15th January, 1993 to 1st July, 1993;

5. Dr. P. P. Mohapatra, Junion Fellow from 1st August, 1993 to 31st July, 1994.

Out of these fellows, the following were granted leave without pay for teaching/availing of other fellowships awarded to them, overseas:

1. Dr. K. S. Subramanian, Senior Fellow;

2. Professor Aijaz Ahmed, Senior Fellow;

3. Shri P. P. Mohapatra, Junior Fellow.

The period of leave granted without pay has been added to their fellowships.

Occupation of Teen Murti Estate by NMML

4515. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a substantial period had lapsed after the establishment of the NMML (Nehru Memorial Museum and Library) in Teen Murti Estate, New Delhi, and no necessary charge in land use has been made by Government;

(b) if so, does that make the occupation of the Estate by NMML unlawful;

(c) whether his Ministry has made any application to Government in this regard;

(d) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(e) if any action has not been taken so far, the reasons therefore?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (e) The Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Society came into existance with effect from 1st April, 1966 and was registered as such from this date with the Registrar of Societies, New Delhi. Though the property is vested in the Central Government and is maintained by the CPWD the same is being used by the Nehru Memorial Museum Library Society in pursuance of the decision of the Government.